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CHARACTER & STORY

Kian

Former oracle of the Emperor.
Cold-hearted...?

Artian

Son of the Emperor. Highly inquisitive and cheerful.

Legna

A courtier to the emperor. Successor of an oracle family.

Former Emperor

Artian's father. Ruler of the country.

"Die"

In Legna's Oracle dream, he heard an unknown voice filled with killing intent towards the emperor. In order to seek the truth, Legna attempted an "Aruosumente", an ancient divination. In his dream, Legna is given a trial by the sage. He has to match 10 Tarot Cards with the respective implicated individuals correctly. When he thought that Lante and Dante were connected to Kian's death, Moeran told him things that he never knew about. In the midst of this confusion, Legna came to know the lingering effects from the Finfield incident that greatly influences the present...

Deebert

A member of the Senate. Friendly with Kian.

Richter

Former White Knights Commander. Confined in the dungeons due to Legna's prophecy.

Dante

A young man nicknamed "Noir Tralid".

The wife died in childbirth, leaving behind the child.
I might have felt a little lonely back there but,
now that it's in the past, it's not such a big deal.
The funeral ended without a hitch

Chapter 24

I hate funerals
They're a bore
...Your Majesty
Then make the next one more flamboyant
That's not what I meant
Isn't this your wife's funeral?
Is it all right for you to take your leave?
I was by her side for the entire rite
There are no problems
Her family will be buried next to the Crypt of Kings for eternity
I have fulfilled my obligations perfectly

No, Your Majesty. This is the smell of incense from the funeral
Mold...
?
Gloomy
And moldy.
It's gloomy...
Kian, try...
...raising a child.
Mold + Raise a child = ?
←Thought long and hard.
You can't raise a child with mold...
Huh?
What are you talking about?
...Your Majesty

It's about Legna
You should try raising him
After all, all you do is read books
Your Majesty
It is customary for an oracle to receive proper education provided by the Senate
I know.
But you can still do it
That's asking for the impossible
Your Majesty should learn a thing or two
This procedure is essential
in order to maintain the high standards of oracles
It is never good to change things on a whim

Hm...
Well, just give it a go.
No.
Okay?
YOU'RE GLOOMY.
THIS PROCEDURE IS A TRADITION FROM LONG AGO OR IT COULD HAVE BEEN DEVISED BY OUR ANCESTORS! HECK IF I KNOW!
INSIDIOUS!
MOLDY!
HAVE YOU EVEN LOOKED AT LEGNA'S FACE?!
Legna's face...
I've... seen his face.
I'm sure I have.

I don't remember him well.
But
Don't ever show that look
to children.
.....
I can't recall it.

Sometimes,
I don't understand His Majesty.
What does he mean by "that look"?
Even though oracles have to remain by the king's side,
It is the maxim of an oracle to strive to comprehend
when I do not understand the king...
はーん
KIAN, I'M ENTERING.
Your Majesty?
The next room is vacant
All right.
Move it there!
What is this?

HUH?
and other stuff
It's Legna's bed
Isn't it obvious?
What, you ask.
I'll keep the Senate quiet
For me
is still
raising a child
Your Majesty!!
I'm acting on a whim after all
I'm not listening
The Senate
No way
Put that over there too~

Aren't you my oracle, Kian?
With whom should your soul remain?
Me? Or the Senate?

Without hesitation.
That sort of thing
Your Majesty,
of course.
.. So
you were completely persuaded.
Yes..
You're right
It's fine now..
But I am a Senator in the Council.
His Majesty is really glib..
This is no laughing matter, Deebert

Sorry that I laughed at you even though you're just the messenger
...this isn't the first time His Majesty has taken such unprecedented actions...
This is related to abilities of an oracle
There is no sound reason for me to raise Legna
That's true,
But, Kian,
I can sort of understand where His Majesty is coming from
I understand it well because my mother passed away very early.
Mothers play a very important role in a child's life.
It's because of the huge gap that will open up in the heart of the oracle's child
whose mother was taken from him at an early age.

And the king...
...closes that gap.
You can say that the bond that exists between a king and his oracle is something that is forged by their own hands.
Just like the bonds of a family.
His Majesty lost his mother and the Queen.
He knows of the magnitude of a gap in the heart,
so he can't just leave you and Legna be.

A gap
I know it well since I went through the same path to become an adult.
And when I was told that my son would go through the same thing, I wasn't particularly against it.
After all I'm not in any way discontented with my current self
The gap that opens up will heal on its own in time.
And once it has passed, it won't be so serious an issue

So,
as I've mentioned,
Worrying is meaningless
...Yes.
That is so.
I don't know what magic he used,
but the Senate never said a word
Anyway, let's see how it goes then...

Though I am not completely aware of the details either
The Senate is not entirely in agreement with His Majesty's proposal
It seems like he didn't present it as an idea
There must be a reason for the Senate to consent to His Majesty's proposal
Deebert.
Seems like you have to settle down and raise your kid, Kian
That was definitely an amused look
Not at all!!
IS THIS SO FUNNY?!
I'll remember this.

He might have greeted me but
we never really talked
A while later, the child started living in an unfamiliar home.
Kian...
Outright judgement.
Do you ever dine with Legna..?
That's not what I meant.
There would be no particular meaning in eating together...
Meals are perfectly portioned for one
Enough with your excuses
Just do as I say and go eat with him.
Got it?

That night
I ate with Legna just as I was told to.
And?
Yes, sir
Did he leave any food on his plate?
How was it?
Has he mastered using the fork?
Did he eat well?
Probably...
Probably...
Probably...
Sigh...
Kian...
are you-
intentionally averting your eyes away from Legna?

No, I wouldn't do such a thing
Probably
NEVER MIND.
FROM NOW ONWARDS, LOOK AT LEGNA PROPERLY.
I'LL QUESTION YOU TOMORROW!
UNDER-STAND?
Good!
.....
Yes, Your Majesty
To be honest,
I hated getting involved any more than that.
I felt something from the corner of my eye.
I don't know how I should face him.

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Chapter 25

Leguna!!
The God Tuoshi is on equal standing with His Majesty.
There is no existent thing in this world that is more important than His Majesty
You're here!
Let's play.
That—
LORD LEGUNA, PLEASE WAIT OUTSIDE THE ROOM FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN FINISHED A SINGLE PAGE!

Ah, about that...
Erm, can I study here as well...?
With Lord Artian toge-ther
The tutor was very surprised.
Upon Leguna's arrival, Artian's work improved dramatically
Leguna is a quick learner and he's skilled at teaching others.
Ah... is that so...

You...
What kind of feeble response is that?
Ah...
You should feel something...
You should feel happy to be praised or something like that
Huh?
But I was not praised,
Your Majesty?

Given your attitude, I'm guessing you didn't pay any attention to Leguna at dinner last night?
No actually...
!?
You actually paid attention?!
Laboriously...
But...
It seemed that whenever I looked at him...
he wouldn't eat
...so I gave up halfway
STARE
He is looking...!
Urgh
?
Leguna is to be pitied.
It's not that hard to imagine.

So it's like that
Then what should we do now...
It failed-
Your Majesty
Hmm?
If things go back to the way they were would there be anything wrong with that?
Like letting the Senate take care of Leguna the way it did with me
Will that not do?
"...the way they were?"
Hmm-
Or does His Majesty,
dislike the thought of Leguna becoming like me,
Is that what it is?

It's not that...
Then...?
I am not dissatisfied with you.
Not in the least.
And that's why
it will not do to go back to the way things were.
Can you not understand what I mean?
If you can't... then just quietly obey.
Your...
Well
just keep watching him a bit longer.
Wh-

As you wish
Why does he not explain his reasons to me..?
I can't understand him...
Really.
There's nothing wrong with letting the Senate take charge of his education.
HA...
HA...
If he is not dissatisfied with me,
then why must Leguna be raised differently..?
HA...
Is it.
Is he displeased with my idyllic position in life..?

Leguna, walk faster!
STOP
YES!!
Really, why is he walk-ing so slowly?
Was he slacking off when I was not paying attention?
It's this kind of behavior that
I knew we should have let the Senate handle it

THAT'S HOW I FEEL...
That's a pity Kian,
but I feel like this isn't something that can be solved even by the Senate
...
I see.
At the very least he has to stop slacking off.
it would be enough to have him follow close behind me.
Have you ever seen Leguna slacking off?
No, never...
?
Then let me tell you the solution to this problem.
Come closer.
Ah...
What's the solution?
BANG
?
As I thought

WHY DO I HAVE TO...

Do

...something like that?

Comparison image Verification
It's because his legs are short
Ah..
Why is he always jogging ?
He's shorter than me, so it's expect-ed...
But it makes increasing his efficacy difficult
YOU CAN WALK SLOWER!!

I tried to shorten my steps
but Leguna was still jogging
His legs must be really short.
At least he isn't out of breath now
He didn't loiter on the way either...
.. If he can't catch up, he should just say so.

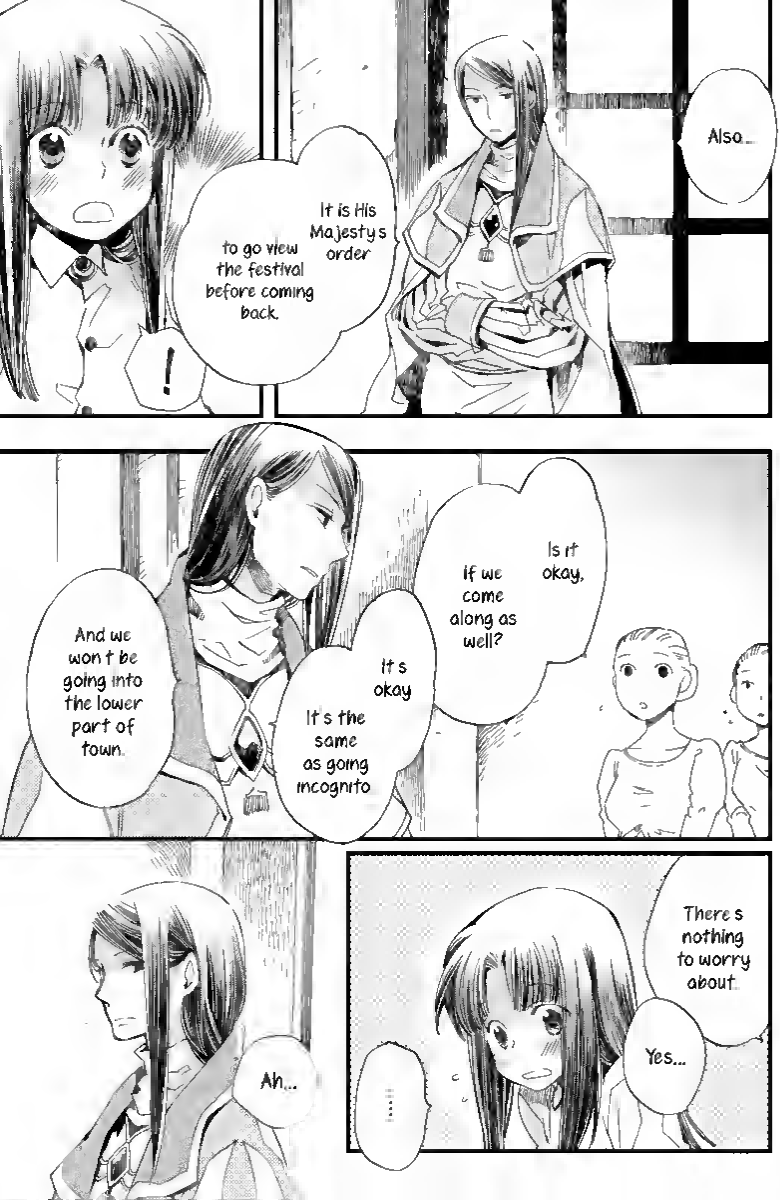
That.
Is it because he was slow to develop his language skills?
so why didn't he say anything?
That's what I thought.
"SAY ANY-THING?!"
AND A FROWNING OLD MAN AT THAT!!
HOW CAN HE TO SOMEONE HE ONLY MET A FEW DAYS AGO?!
Whoa
I FEEL THAT I DON'T FROWN THOUGH...
SO IT'S LIKE THAT...
RESOLUTE
There is no adult that wishes to live with a child.
DO YOU REALLY NOT WISH TO LIVE WITH LEGUNA...?
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.
We should just let the Senate handle this.

What's wrong?
...
...Do you know why parents exist, Kian?
They exist to protect their children, they can even throw away their lives for the sake of it.
To me, that person is you, Your Majesty.
Yeah,
I know
That has always been your answer

But, I feel
as though you are truly someone to be grateful for
Others might not think highly of you
but you really are a good guy
I don't care
about the opinions of others
I don't mind at all
Oh yeah
The festival should be here soon
Ah
Yes
There hasn't been much work for Your Majesty,
because the town's been too busy preparing for it
That's not what I'm trying to say

How about taking Leguna and letting him have a look around?
You...
I refuse.
Che
The festival is just an excuse to get drunk and has nothing meaningful to offer whatsoever
Even if I brought him along, he wouldn't learn anything relevant to his studies
Bluntly put
It's a waste of time.
I understand
Since you put it like that...
It's great that you understand what I'm saying
I order you.
So stop dilly-dallying and go.

You can have a look around before coming back to the castle.
Let Leguna see the festival, walking amongst the crowd will be a good experience for him.
...I'm afraid of crowds.
YOU CAN GO AND EXPERIENCE IT AS WELL!
And so
the day of the festival arrived...
Leguna today we will be visiting the Senate.
To hand in some documents before heading to the castle.


Also...
It is His Majesty's order to go view the festival before coming back.
!
Is it okay, if we come along as well?
It's okay It's the same as going incognito
And we won't be going into the lower part of town.
There's nothing to worry about.
Yes...
.....
Ah...

"Ah"?
Thank you Father
Thank...
...
...All right.
I haven't done anything yet...
Why is he thanking me?

Oh
Kian-
You're a bit late today...
Ah.
we took a detour to go see the festival.
FESTIVAL?!
YOU?!
It was His Majesty's order.

He made me take Leguna to the festival
It was really bother-some
Why, this is really..
So?
Where's Leguna?
Hmm?
Ah_ we got separated
YOU GOT SEPARATED?! IS THAT OKAY?!
Not here

He knows the roads in the town
It's okay.
Here are your documents
"YOUR DOCUMENTS"?!
Is it okay to not go and find him?!
Although we took a detour, the roads are still the same
There's no need to find him
If you took a detour, the roads won't be the same...
And there are many people at the festival...
Are you that worried?
You are also a surprisingly overprotective person
Even if he doesn't know where the Senate is, he should know the roads in town
because no matter where you are, you can always see them

So it's like that...
Kian,
I think I finally understand His Majesty.
What?
What?
That's enough! Hurry up and go back to town
Deebert...
Hurry up!
DON'T PUSH ME!!
There is a good chance
you might get scolded as well!
What...
on earth is happening...?

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Chapter 26
The streets I used to walk by everyday,
have changed so much today.
The festival
is amazing.
. ohh
Listen Legna,
follow me closely and don't get lost.
yes.
My eyes will not
leave my father.
today I won't blink.
You dropped some-thing!!

Huh?
Ha?
?
I dropped something... right
??
WAA?
Oh no!!
THUMP THUMP
uhhh

It's a bird
.....
What..?
I thought I really did drop something
feed me
It's good I didn't
hee
you forgot some thing?
you forgot something!!
Huh..?
Oh no-!!

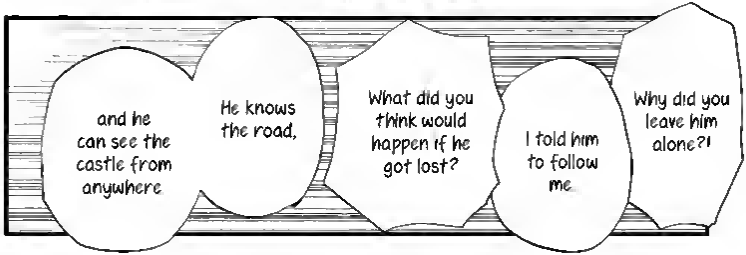
Chapter 26

When I reached the castle,
Legna had already arrived.
It looks like he was sitting on the side of the road
Is that so.
where is His Majesty?
Uh
.. in his study.
THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE YOU MIGHT GET SCOLDED AS WELL.
What did Deebert mean by that? I am curious to know
But first I must report in
While it is true the Senate presently agrees with Legna's current upbringing
there is still the issue of strengthening the knight guild
And also
Your Majesty
Kian!

WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN?!
What...?
I visited the Senate as I said I would and then I...
I DON'T MEAN THAT!
WHY DID YOU LEAVE LEGNA BEHIND?!
HE GOT LOST!
LOOK AT HIM!!
DON'T YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SAY?!
I told you to follow me closely and not get lost.

Yes.
I am sorry, Father.
UH?!
shock
KIAN
LET'S TALK IN PRIVATE FOR A BIT.
...Yes?

Well
um
What is the matter?
That's my line, Kian.


Why did you leave him alone?!
I told him to follow me
What did you think would happen if he got lost?
He knows the road,
and he can see the castle from anywhere

You know there are a lot of people at the festival tonight
You know that right?
Yes I know that
It would hardly be a festival if there weren't
That's right

No... he wouldn't have.
That's right, so to speak
And now,
with that many people
given Legna's height...
do you think he'd have been able to see the castle?
this height
Hmmm
I didn't consider his height to be a problem.
I only thought his legs were short
Should I praise him for that...?
Children are easily distracted
and have a short attention span.
all children are like that.
Legna is not at fault.

You need to hold his hand like this.
Grab his hand
That is going to be trouble-some.
Yes, it will be trouble-some,
so you need
to do this
Isn't that being a little too over-protective?
It's better to be over-protective
than not be protective enough.
A child who isn't protected is the same as a child who isn't loved.

Perhaps,
What His Majesty is trying to tell me is that
In order to engrave "love" into the heart of a child you must first not deprive them of it.
But
Is that such a bad thing.?
Well
I doubt you would understand
some-thing like this.
An obstinate man like you.
ANGRY

Legna will probably be called one of Artian's creations
HAAA
"a combination of wood pieces" or something like that
He will get hurt hearing that
Yes, yes I probably wouldn't understand,
That's right!
BEING AS OBSTINATE AS I AM!!
Oh, I can already see Artian's crying face floating in front of me-
HMM
shrink
Really?
No?
I don't see any relation between the two
I probably won't say anything
If you hold Legna's hand everyday
Wind-wheel house?
All right...

You wanted me to have it?
He kept working on it on the way back.
I'm not frustrated at all!!
He said he want Kian-sama have it.
the prince saw it during his travels
Yes.
Why?
If you are the only one at home,
I think you will feel lonely.
"Lonely"?
?……
I am always alone…
What does "lonely" feel like?
Thinking back on it,

The late king hardly ever called out to me.
I never saw my father laughing when talking to someone.
My father and I almost never talked.
The hole
in my father's heart,
was it filled properly?
I

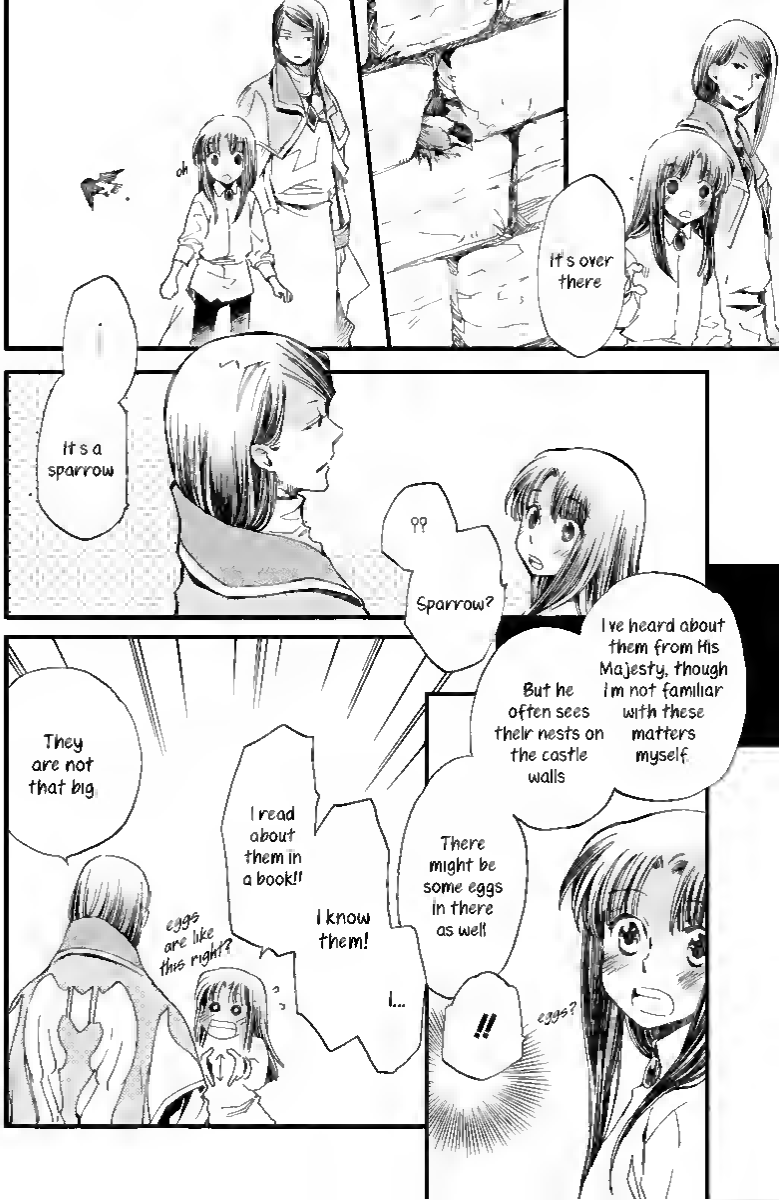
The next day
I tried holding Legna's hand.
It's small.
Hm?
A bit cold,
And a bit wet too,
did he wipe his hands properly after washing them?
(WRONG)

How much strength should I use?
Will it hurt or not?
This much?
maybe no a little less
Is this all right?
Yes, I think so
Oh! Oh!
I heard about it Kian!!
You actually held Legna's hand to the castle!
How was it?
Yes, exactly as you instructed
How did it feel?
Any thoughts?

There's got to be something,
like "his hand is small" or-
Thoughts...
No... not really
Yes,
It is small.
Ha, of course!
And,
I didn't know how much strength to use.
It was troubling me.
Ha, ha...
How... much strength?
Yes.
When I arrived at the castle, I think I got it about right.
I asked Legna,
he said it was about right too.
Pffft.

What is the matter?
No
...Its nothing
So you tried all the way to the castle?
To gauge the level of strength you should use on his hand.
Yes,
I did ..
Your Majesty?
What is wrong?!
No,
It's nothing
Nothing serious
?
It felt all right, didn't it.
Please hold his hand when you go back!
.....
?

What is it.?
Hm?
What is the matter?
Oh
I'm sorry
That is not an answer.
I asked you what the matter was.
Oh
Um
bird
Bird?


oh
it's over there
it's a sparrow
??
Sparrow?
I've heard about them from His Majesty, though I'm not familiar with these matters myself
But he often sees their nests on the castle walls
There might be some eggs in there as well
!!
eggs?
They are not that big
I read about them in a book!!
I know them!
I...
eggs are like this right?
?

...
egg
Excited
Excited
It is only eggs
It is not something rare
Do you want to see?
Hmmm...
wa
They are tiny!!
...so many!!

Is it really something special?
I am sorry... I
There is no need to apologize.
I just want to know if it really is something special?
er~
That's...
It is my first time seeing...
I don't have a chance to go outside.
I've never walked another route...
OH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!
for using a longer route
BOW
No need to apologize

If he is going to thank me for using a different route, it would be endless
It is not a problem if he wants to stop and look at things
I think, that if there is something he wants to see, he should just come out and say it without worrying so much.
I've tried to tell him this but...
I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIS THOUGHTS.
He can stare at a fish in a pond for 10 minutes!!
I don't understand how that is supposed to be fun!!
Is that so, is that so
Why don't you take that pond and give it to him as a present
as for fish there are a lot of rare fish in the castle
Take whatever you like

I see, there will no problem if he looks at it at home.
right?
I will prepare it immediately
HE ASKED ME ABOUT THE NAME OF A BIRD HOW WOULD I KNOW..?
Haha!! You'll need to buy a book about birds!!
...oh
What is it?
It's this bird
What about it?
At the festival, it talked to me
I turned around but there was no one there.

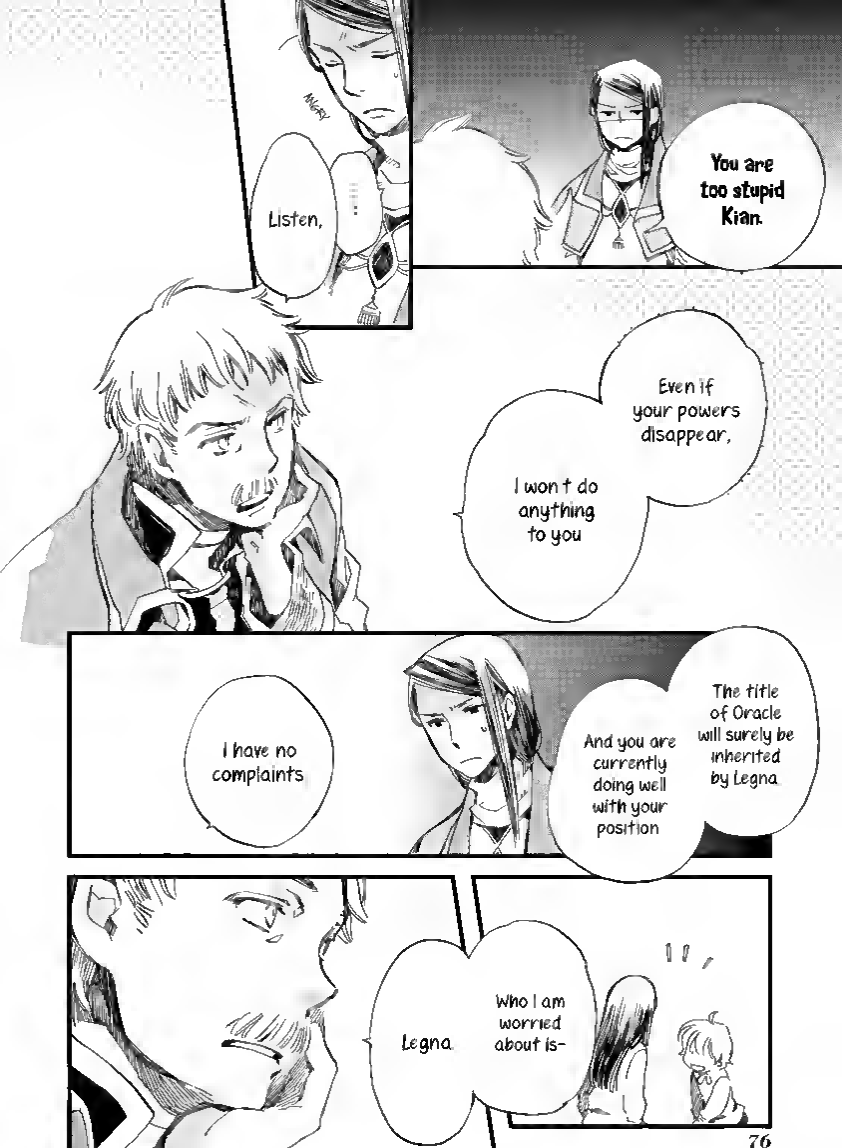
This bird,
can talk.
Can talk...?
Oh, there is one like that.
It's called a parrot.
"You dropped something."
I stopped after hearing that...
And that's how I got separated from Father...
Yes, it will be troublesome,
so you need to do this.
Grab his hand. You need to hold his hand like this.
...Well, I doubt you would understand.
...oh
So that's the reason...

..I feel a bit..
Just a bit..
What His Majesty said then
I simply scolded him.
him to explain.
At the time, I didn't ask
I think I understand it now.
Kian,
The Senate is trying to rush you.
I've already informed His Majesty of Legna's potential as an oracle.

Hm, isn't this a bit premature?
Ahh... About that...
There have been some strange rumours lately
Ru-mours?
About the oracle of another country
Haven't you heard about it?
No...
...something about the oracle's power disappearing
And, rumour has it they tried to assassinate their king
....That's impossible
I think so too but the intel is pretty reliable.

So, as a precaution,
they want to be certain of Legna's
The reasons are unknown...
but I think the Senate is afraid you will lose your power...
His Majesty thinks it premature too...
but you should start considering it.
His Majes-ty,
does he know about these rumours?
Huh?
Of course
"If you get a chance, someone tell him about it."
is what His Majesty said
He had no
intention of hiding it from you

No one here is worried about you trying to assassinate the king
The issue is the power of the oracle disappearing
without any clear cause
No matter which country it is the rumours are the same
and so far there has been no way to prevent it
Ahh...
"It will not do to go back to the way things were in the past."
...Hmmm
So that's what it was
So that means
His Majesty is also worried about the fact that I might lose my powers
Oh-
No, no.
That doesn't matter to me.


You are too stupid Kian.
NGAH
Listen,
Even if your powers disappear,
I won't do anything to you
I have no complaints
And you are currently doing well with your position
The title of Oracle will surely be inherited by Legna
Legna
Who I am worried about is-

That expression
Maybe you finally understand...
Looking for help but unsure of who to ask,
that kind of expression
Of someone who has nothing to rely on,
Is given no direction
When I first met you,
you had that expression too
"It is a pity but it is required."
everyone feels that way about the one who inherits the title of Oracle,
but
maybe it doesn't have to be that way

As for me
Kian
I like you,
I also like Legna,
he is a good kid
He is gentle and smart.
If he has to go back to "the way things were in the past",
I just hope he won't have that expression
But...
The method we are using now might not be right...
If something goes wrong...
The mistake would be to go back to "the way things were".
If we try we might just find the right answer
But...
whoosh
POW

What was that?!
I- I am sorry!!
It's a toy the Prince made
A toy?
Yes
Hmm...
it's something that can toss things really far away
I don't know how it works,
but My Prince he... is amazing

...really, I can't figure it out at all.
Mmm...
Artian made this...?
yes!
Really!
Amazing Artian!
You are a genius!
Very good! This is amazing!
x learning
hmmm
Praising him makes him happy...
I see
ah-

Next time I will try it...
It is pretty powerful,
I can't tell what it originally was
What was it?
Hmm
That is...
FROG!!
...!
I am sorry I tried to stop him....
AH-
HMM...
I thought it was a tree nut

worried
Artian,
do not experiment on living things
Okay!!
And don't use it on people either!!
Okay!!
He will understand when he grows up...
Legna, you need to understand too.
O-
Okay!!
This worries me, it's making me dizzy.
I don't think you should be that worried
You're right, I shouldn't.
.....

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Ooooohhhh!!
Legna wrote this?
The writing is so pretty!
The words too? Did Legna choose them?
Yes
Ehh!!
This is amazing!

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This is bad
It's better than my writing!
amazing, amazing
Your Majesty,
there is some-thing...
There is something that worries me
Huh?

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SHOCK

ha... ha
Deebert,
you laugh too much!!
I..
I AM SORRY...
MY STO-MACH HURTS SO MUCH..
It hurts... can't breathe... ah...
...Worried?

If Legna has the talent to be a secretary
I can introduce him to a good teacher,
but what if people think he is more suited to being a secretary than an oracle after this
If
What are you you worried about?
About what?
Being an oracle and a secretary...
Something like that has never happened before
Kian
Yes?
Umm, Kian.
What is it?
Listen carefully

Do you know how they read this?
"Two-footed saddle"...?
No
"If you chase two rabbits you're bound to lose one"...
NO
IT IS READ AS "PARENT STUPID"
RE-MEMBER IT!!
T/N: WORD REVERSAL IS INTENTIONAL.
PARENT STUPID ...?!

Well, anyway...
I guess people do change.
You are saying that again.
Isn't it a good thing?
It's not a bad thing.
Wouldn't you consider it praise?
You were laughing pretty hard.
Of course, it was hilarious!
Didn't you say you were praising me?
I was praising you.
Legna,
that kid really is amazing.

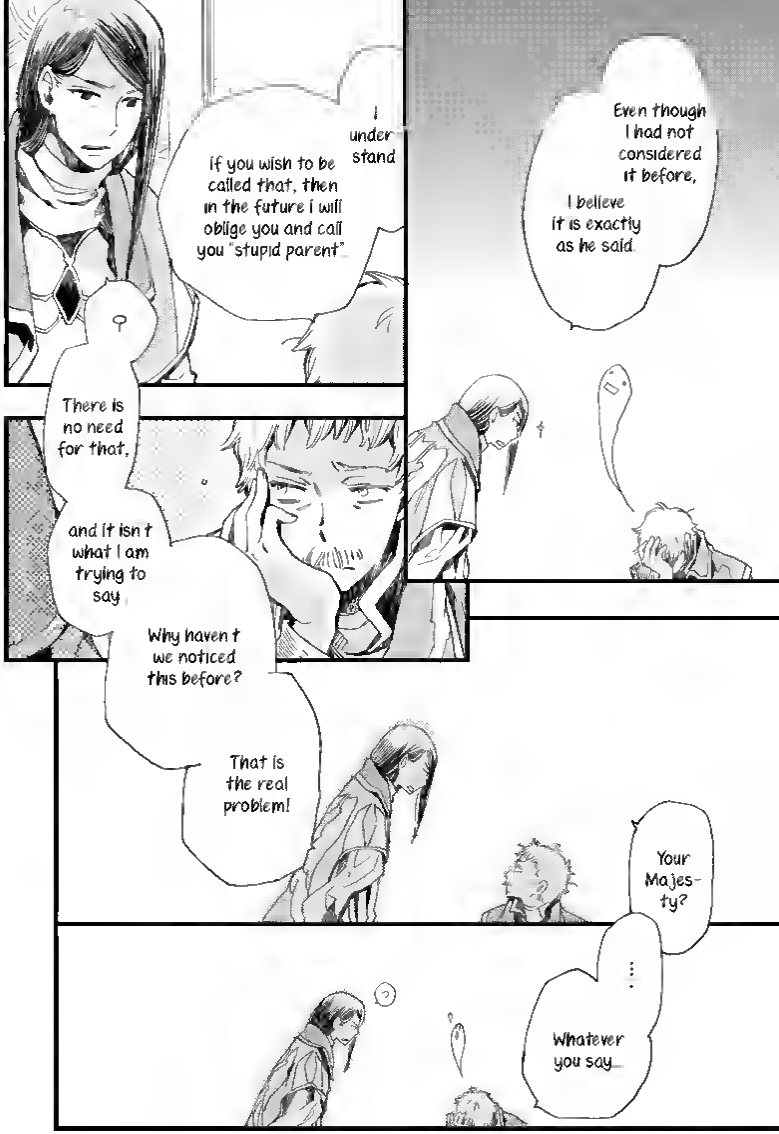
I
I am sorry
Give me a minute
If you are praising Legna,
I will forgive you
PFFFT
10 minutes later
In the end we didn't really discuss much
That's because you keep laughing at me
Well it's you who kept making me laugh
...I feel as though it was right

What was?
I think letting you raise Legna was the right choice
...
We still don't know how it might have affected his ability as an oracle
I think it is still too early to decide
Yeah
but
At this moment, it feels very right
Do you really think so?
I do
...Is that so...

The last sentence was not necessary
There is no reason to scold you.
Also, it's quite fun to watch from the sidelines.
That child's existance is truly amazing.
I think so too.
He learns very quickly.
(His Majesty says it is because he is young)
He says things I wouldn't dream of saying.
(His Majesty says it is because I am getting old.)
Heh... you have always been stubborn.
So I've been told.
Hmm...

Father, welcome back!
Ah
."stupid parent"
Even though
It's not something worth mentioning.
hmmm
??
Ah
umm...
Oh
I am sorry
I was just thinking of the term "parent stupid"
Do you know what that means?
Yes, I read it in a book somewhere
"Parent Stupid"
parent stu-

Really?
But_
It wasn't-
It was_
It wasn't parent stupid", it was "stupid parent"_
At least-
I think it was...
GIRL
...
I see
I...
I was praised!
I think you are right.
I...


I understand
If you wish to be called that, then in the future I will oblige you and call you "stupid parent".
Even though I had not considered it before,
I believe it is exactly as he said.
There is no need for that,
and it isn't what I am trying to say.
Why haven't we noticed this before?
That is the real problem!
Your Majesty?
Whatever you say.

hmmm
It is true that Legna is a smart child
If there is something you can praise him for then you should do so
What is wrong?
Because of you I feel a bit light-headed
How so?
STUMBLE
Your Majesty?!
hmm
It's okay I am al-right
I just feel a little lightheaded
You should rest for a bit
hmm
Your joke is hard to understand.
ha ha ha

If you can joke around then I am sure you are all right.
but tomorrow we will have a physician examine you as a precaution
About the Finfield's border issue
I will take care of it
Yeah...
Rihita is there.
Thinking back on it
If it were that trivial an issue I would have assigned the matter to someone else
He tried to joke his way through,
But His Majesty's body was in a very bad state

Legna has started to enjoy smiling
And for the first time I understand His Majesty's reasons
Before
Before this, the oracle had always been raised the "correct" way.
I now realize how "incorrect" that actually was.
Do we have problems here?
Oh...
but

Right now using "that"
to change the child back is impossible
It won't be good if it affects his ability
This is "incorrect". I can't let the Senate think this way.
What should I do to protect this child?

Majesty became sick
and passed away soon after.
Not long after that
However the Senate wouldn't allow it.
By law, the oracle was supposed to support the new king, Prince Artian.
Oracle Kian, he's become very aggressive.
At Finfield too...
He interferes in the military too much.
But, according to legislation...
Deebert

Oracle Kian
he did something that went against the law
And you know don't you...
An oracle cannot disobey the Senate
But...
His late Majesty did not follow the guidelines we proposed in raising Legna
that was an error on his part
Legna should have been raised by us
But...
You as well
You will have to start worrying about your job
If you keep protecting Oracle Kian

...I am sorry
Kian
If I leave my job I will be unable to protect the both of you.
It looks like we don't have a cholce.
...No
I should be the one apologi-zing
Thank you, Deebert.
...
You are trying very hard, everyone knows it.
It's a hard truth but there is nothing you can do
Nothing is going according ta plan
because of this
it will take some time to talk some sense into the Senate.

The Senate will have a trial soon.
I hear that you will be questioned.
.....
Deebert
Mm?
You said this was right.
His Majesty's decision to have me raise Legna...
You said it was right.
About Legna, me and the country...
What do you think about it all now?
.....
Yeah.

this has been the one to make him the most happy
To Legna,
Truthfully this plan wasn't the best,
but
stand tall Oracle
You are a good father.
If you think this is wrong,
then who will protect Legna
So where
...oh
..That is true.
Did it all go wrong?

No...
This,
to be considered "wrong"
Is not something,
It's not possible
Ah
His majesty is no longer here
That's right
I...
Must protect this child without fail.

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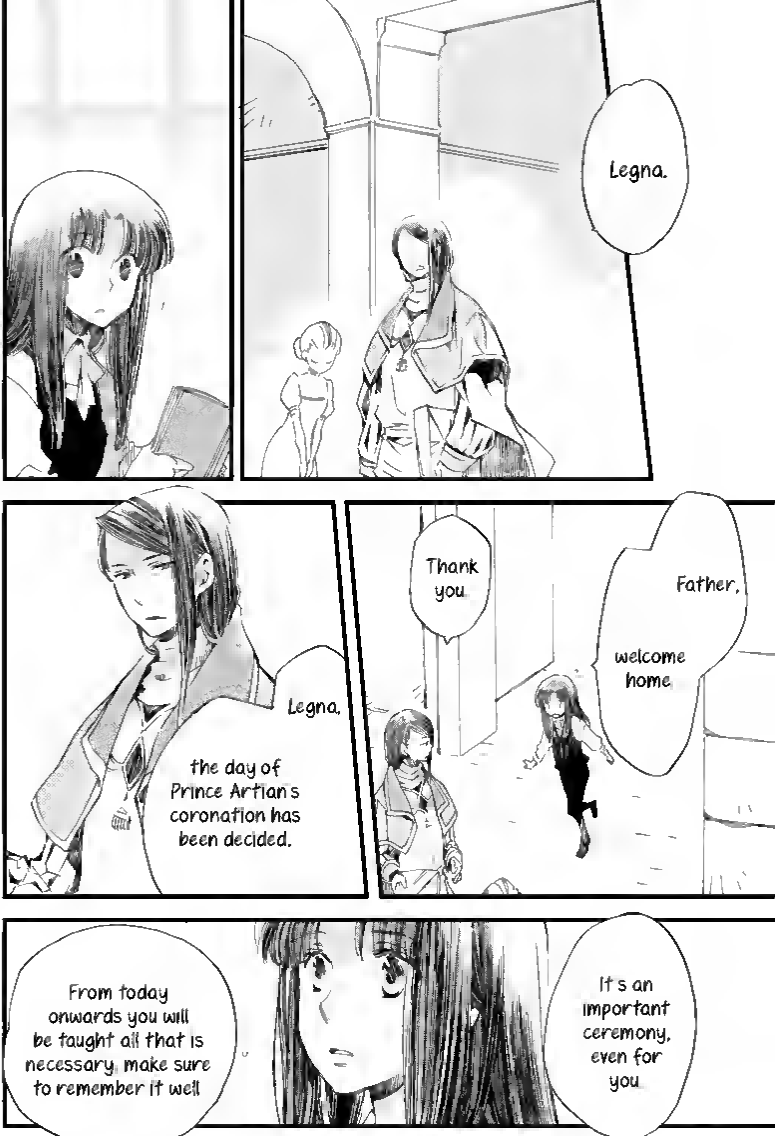

Legna.
Legna,
the day of Prince Artian's coronation has been decided.
Father, welcome home.
Thank you.
From today onwards you will be taught all that is necessary, make sure to remember it well
It's an important ceremony, even for you.

The corona-tion is
Let's see...
at today's deliberation the Senate came to a decision,
To have you take over my position as oracle
as I will be retiring
in other words,
.....?
From now on,
All of my work
will pass on to you.
Do you under-stand?
.....
!!
Ah!

Hey!
It has been passed on to you in name only
both Deebert and I will be there to help you
It's not like you will have to handle everything alone
so calm down
You don't have to be so scared
The coronation ceremony?
Isn't it a bit too early for that?
Artian-sama is still-
There's no problem with his age
However
We've had young kings rule our country before.

Oracle Klan,
we under-stand your worries
it's true that Artian-sama's behaviour is too childish for his age
and we have already considered that.
Never-theless,
you are cutting a bit too much into the matters of how this country is governed.
Naturally given your position as his guardian that can't be helped.
However, an oracle is not supposed to think about any matters other than the king himself.
Therefore, we have decided it would be best to have you relieved of your duties as his guardian, as soon as possible.

An exhortation note from the knight brigade has been received as well
We hope you understand
We simply cannot have you overstep your boundaries any further than this
That's why this decision was made
I thought they would continue to keep up appearances but,
when you look at it they got rid of a hindrance
They might as well have just straight up called me a nuisance
Don't be like that Kian
So indirect!!
Nero Torarudo
What are they so discontent with?
The people that criticize your tyranny aren't few
It's true that we've received an exhortation note from the knight brigade

Even I've heard the rumours
Simply hearing the name sends our enemies running
He's seen as a very convenient child... even by the Senate,
As a good method of ferrying people off the border...
Yet that is what the knight brigade is dissatisfied with.
Considering the coup d'etat and the subsequent arrest of Captain Rucetta,
your standing with the knight brigade has deteriorated
With the details of the case still unclear they can't comprehend why he would face imprisonment.
...Rucetta took the blame for that himself.
He's the one keeping quiet about the details.
It's not like people will always be understanding of the truth.

In any case,
Due to the knight brigade's dissatisfaction with you it became a good excuse to have you retire
I've said it before,
your methods are too clumsy
I wish you would act with more discretion.
If you try to take the shortest route to your destination
you will end up with your head cut off.
However, you are not good at subterfuge,
and that's why I'm there to back you up.
Yet, at the speed you're going I won't be able to keep up.
Regarding the knight brigade,
essentially the Senate do agree with your methods.
Kian,
Don't make too many enemies

!
Legna!!
Because all your enemies
will in future become Legna's enemies.
Good morning Artian-sama
I'll show you something cool!!
This way!!
He's showing great deal of progress in his studies,
especially in science.
Compared to other children his age Artian-sama is extremely gifted.

In science...
Yes
Like creatures, and in mechanics
More than anything he seems to like to create contraptions
... Ah that.
However you could say he is a bit... unripe when it comes to his physical growth and his mind
Although it could be because Legna-sama behaves so mature in comparison
that it might simply look that way...
... Do you think it will become a problem?
Haha
It's probably all right
The late king was quite a handful himself
Always running around the castle and causing trouble for everyone
Now that you mention it that's true
So you don't have to worry about Artian-sama
Must be in the blood
Yaayt
Could you please be still?

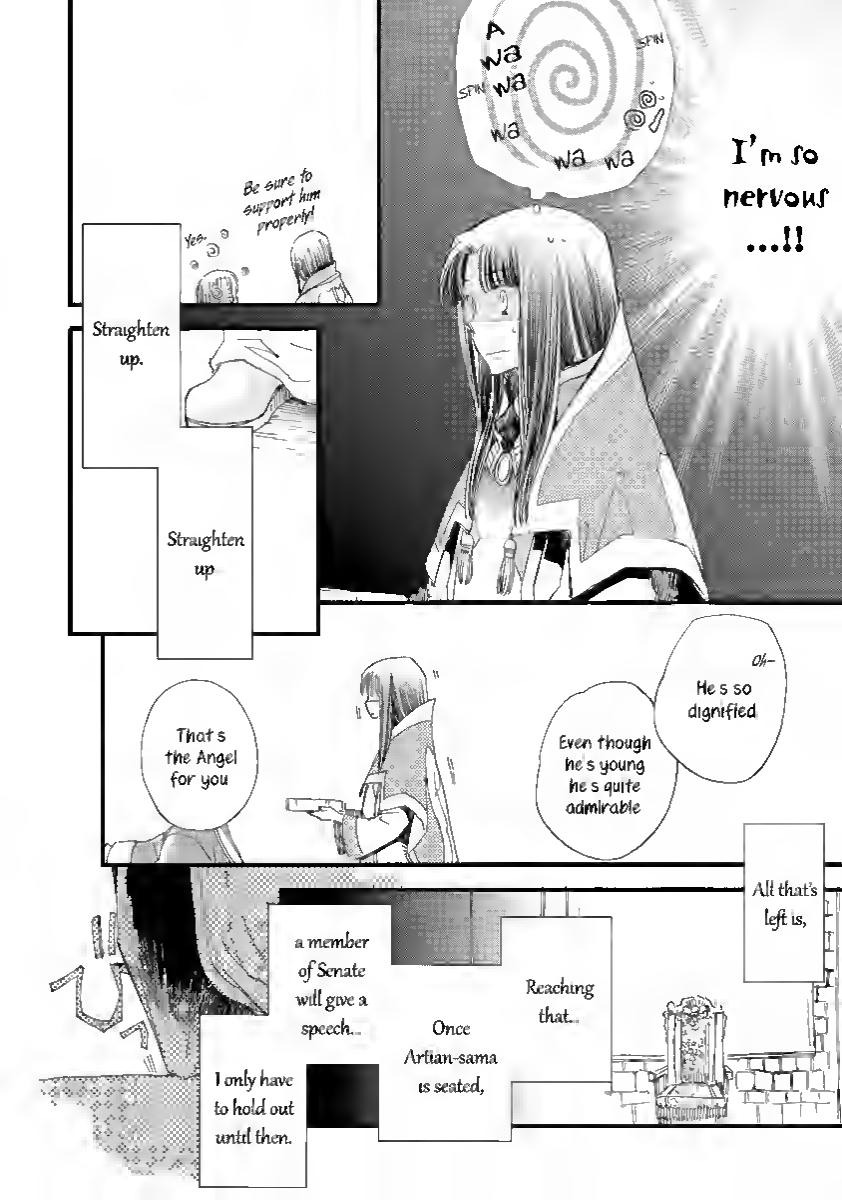
Legna!!
This is so awesome!!
It flies really far!!
Geese?
Flies far... What does?
This letter!!
It reaches way high into the sky!!
I'm sure it will reach both Mother and Father!!
If you ever want to send a letter to your mother I'll be sure to deliver it!!
...Really?
Really!!
I haven't been successful with it yet but one day I will succeed!!

Then why didn't he mention "come back"
I see
So that's why he made something like that...
I'm sure they will be delighted...
...A letter?
Yes
Amazing!!
Hehehe!
I wonder if they will reply...
Although it seems like it hasn't been finished yet...
I'm sure Their Majesties would be very glad!
If Artian-sama's letter reaches them
Hm?
Wouldn't it be nice if there really were people up there?!
:
It's not like anyone has proven that there aren't!!
Artian-sama, you're amazing!!
But he seems happy
There are no dead people up in the sky

Your enemies,
will become Legna's enemies in the future
...
...It would be nice if it reaches them
yes!!
Ugh
Be quiet.
And so, as part of the Senate's decision,
Oracle Kian was stripped of his right to interfere with the knight brigade
Strife with the Senate decreased...
And amidst the many peaceful days that went by,

Solemnly,
Artian-sama's coronation ceremony was held.
He's become very elegant...
But he's very young...
Isn't he quite a bit younger than what has been said...?

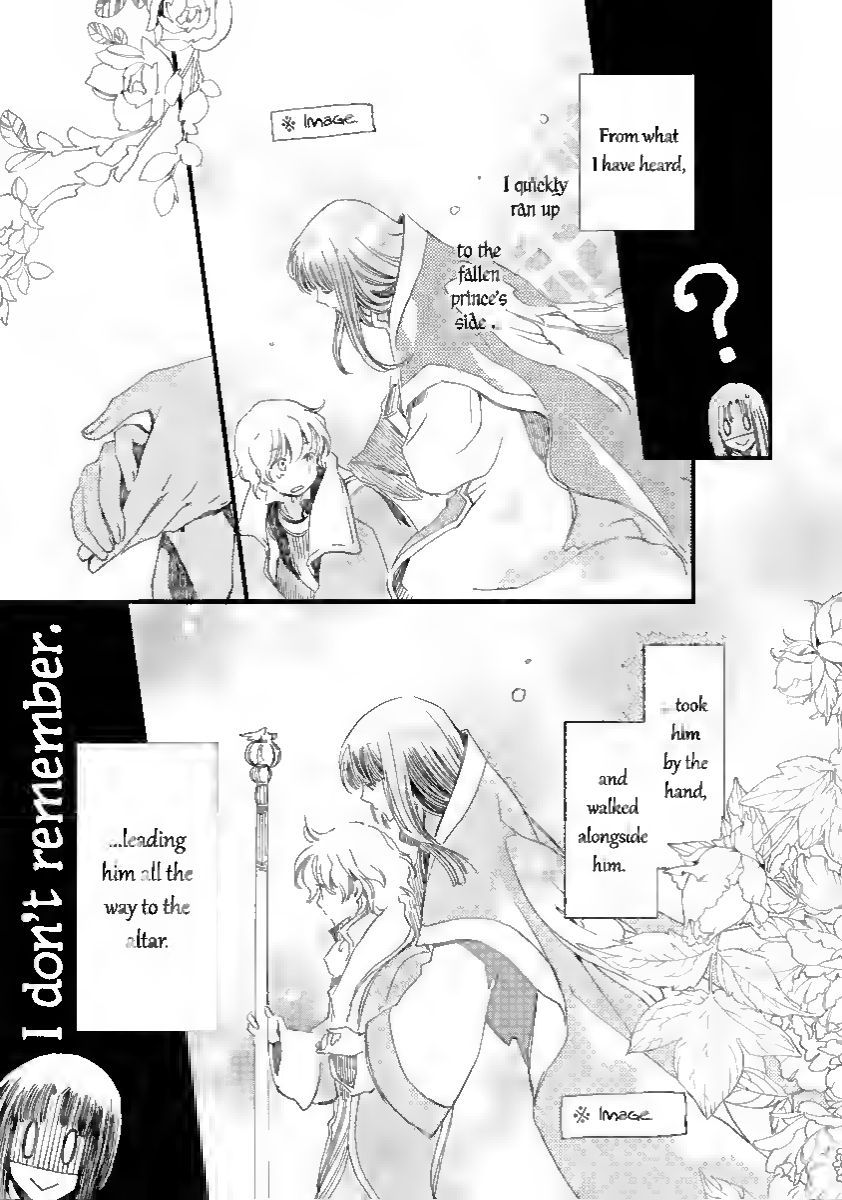
Even younger than that...
Yeah...
Isn't that...
The rumoured voice of the heavens that saved the king,
The Angel.
I,


A wa wa wa wa wa
SPIN
SPIN
I'm so nervous ...!!
Be sure to support him properly!
Yes.
Straighten up.
Straighten up
That's the Angel for you
Oh— He's so dignified
Even though he's young he's quite admirable
All that's left is,
Reaching that...
Once Arltan-sama is seated,
a member of Senate will give a speech...
I only have to hold out until then.

Trip.
AH.
"To have your mind go blank.
It happens when you encounter a shocking situation and you become unable to think about anything."
I read about it in a dictionary...
Ah...
※ From the "Daijirin".

T/N: "DAIJIRIN" IS A MAJOR DICTIONARY PUBLISHED BY SANSEIDOU.

That's all.
I remember thinking...
When I came to,
The coronation ceremony had ended smoothly.
Eh?
...I thought my heart would jump out of my chest...
All the guests were astonished by your performance!
I must say, you handled that very well, Legna.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From what I have heard,
I quickly ran up to the fallen prince's side.
?
I don't remember.
...leading him all the way to the altar.
and walked alongside him.
took him by the hand,
※ Image

We got to see something really nice~
THE ANGEL LEADING THE YOUNG KING TO THE ALTAR..
IT'S LIKE A SCENE FROM A PAINTING..!!
IT WAS QUITE A SPLENDID SCENE.
THE RUMOURS ABOUT THE ANGEL WERE TRUE!!
Legna, are you an angel?
Every-one is calling you an angel
No, Your High-ness. I'm... just an oracle...
I'm not an angel

I got it.
I won't call you an angel because I already call you Legna!
... Yes.
Thank you very much.
That was quite a spectacle.
Good grief

In the end,
whose introduction ceremony was it...?
We were able to silence the ones unhappy with Artian-sama's young age but,
there were also quite a few people who thought it would be beneficial to get close to the oracle as well.
Although if His Highness grows up nicely, he should be able to undermine that influence
If he's able to grow up "nicely" that is...
You're being dis-respectful.
But you know...
.....

Good grief...
Complaining in spite of the situation being handled skillfully
I can already imagine Kian's furious face...
I'm sure you would have thought that anyway!!
Whatever should we do...?
If Legna gains followers,
Kian who's behind his political power won't weaken.
For an oracle, there can be nothing more important than the king.

Someone serving by the king's side while holding something else in higher regard, is not someone who should be in a position of power.
The king that Kian ought to protect is no longer here.
That is why he is permitted to stand by the king's side.
Whatever happens, an oracle must always protect the king
If Kian is to hold power no matter what
then maybe it means the right has come.

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Your Majesty!
Your Majesty!
Where are...
BOOM
Ahh!
Y-
YOUR MAJESTY??
What was that sound??!
A... A... A...!!
Are you okay?!
That's because I was headed for the senate with Father and...
Wait that's not the issue!!
Hmm?
Ahh Legna.
You're late

Are you hurt?!
Are you injured anywhere?
I didn't collapse
I was sleeping
Then you are...
SLEEPING?!
No, no.
I mentioned this before, right?
I'm sorry?
You take this
And do this
Then insert the folded paper,
And...
ぴゅん
POP
STARTLE
Wah
.....

I wonder if it reached the skies...
Amazing.
Wah-
The skies are really wide.
Eh-
Even though it's flown so far that it's no longer visible...??
It didn't.
It'll drop down after a while.
I can't wait to see!!
...But,
It looks like it will reach them soon!

Really?!!
you're looking forward to it?!!
Yes.
The truth is...
I've already thought of a way to send it even farther!!
Really?!
WOW!!
I wonder
Will I be able to take over for Father...?

It's probably too soon,
For you to be like Kian.
That's true
Don't worry
But
As long as I'm here as a mediator
To some extent, I can protect you
Okay
Actually, I'm more reliable than Kian
Kian's a bit lacking in common sense
DEEBERT!! I CAN HEAR YOU!!

I know.
So please refrain from doing anything reckless.
They'll think of you as standing behind Legna and feel a sense of unease.
But as far as the Senate's concerned, as long as you are still live.
With this he's succeeded you, even if in name only.
You haven't been interfering with the military, have you?
I haven't.
Are there any documents being sent to you?
No!
This...
Ahh

I'm sure,
If I become capable of taking over for Father,
I'll probably be able to join in on this conversation myself.
I have to do my best.
I'm being protected.
I know that.
But,
I also know that that won't do.
I have to get it together
I have to do my best.
Oh, Your Majesty
The book will fall apart if you hold it that way

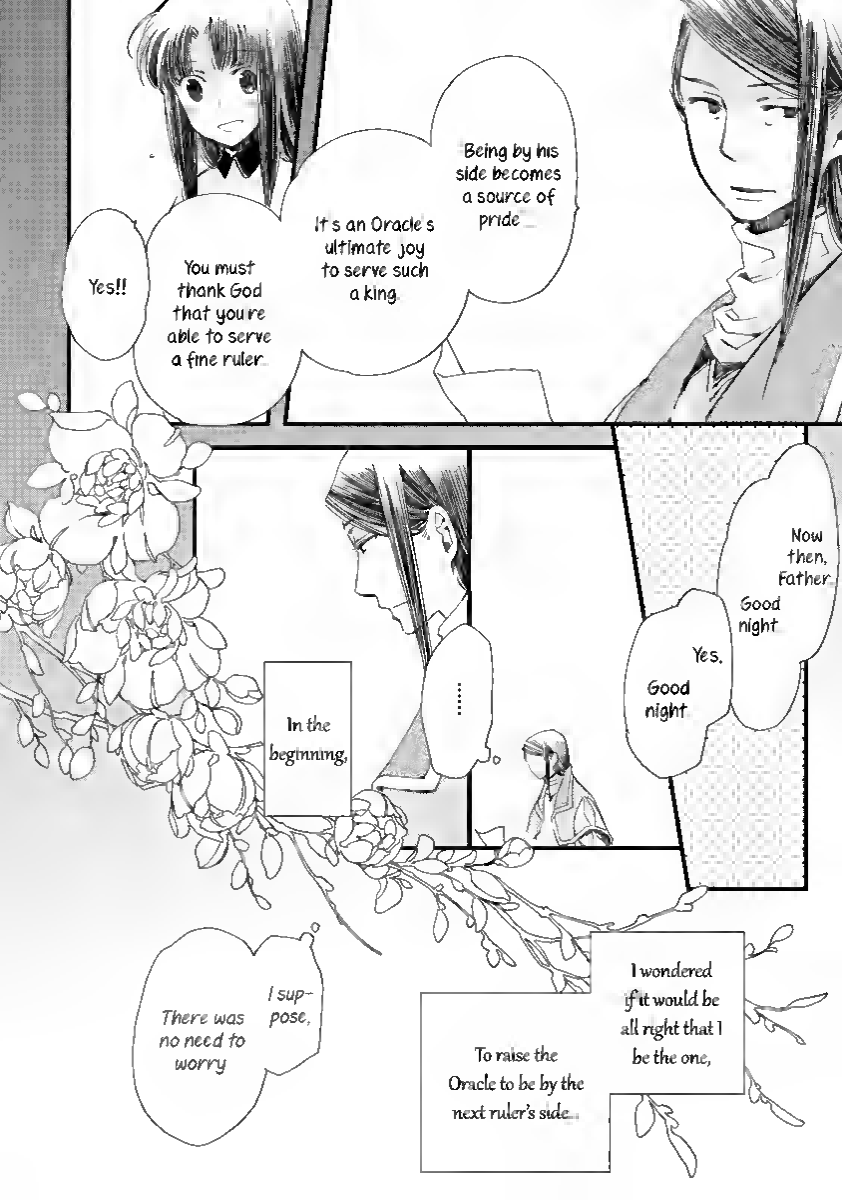
Here, yes?
There.
My, how nice.
This one...
Which page did you wish to read?
Your Majesty, please use this.
But,
That's the Angel for you. So put together...
You're a great example for his highness.
Ohh. Such beautiful writing indeed.
Your Majesty should follow his example.
You may wish to take after the Angel...

We can't compare to his ways
As expected of the Angel
Huh?
Thus is, Really uncomfortable
I'm doing my best so as to be praised
And I am being praised, but...
?
?
What's this feeling...?
LOOK HERE!!
LEGNA ISN'T AMAZING BECAUSE HE'S AN ANGEL!!
HE'S STUDYING REALLY HARD!!
DON'T TALK AS IF IT'S OBVIOUS HE CAN DO ALL THIS BECAUSE HE'S AN ANGEL!!
YOU'RE MAKING LEGNA UNCOMFORTABLE!!

IT'S OKAY TO GET MAD, LEGNA!!
No, I...
Our apologies.
We just...
Legna-sama we're truly sorry...!!
N,
!!
Y...
Your Majesty,
Umm...
I...
I'm...
With Your Majesty getting angry on my behalf...
I no longer feel the need to be upset, at all...

I was...
Just a bit surprised..
N-
NO, THAT'S NOT IT..!!
Did I do something wrong?
Be-cause...
I got mad first..??
I..
Felt some-what uncom-fortable but...
I didn't understand why
And then Your Majesty put it into words
And it felt like the clouds parted
So this feeling
That's what it was
Your Majesty really is amazing..!!

I see
Then,
That's fine
Yes!!
I see
Such an incident occurred, did it?
Now then..
Do you feel you can continue on without any problems?
Yes.
Because His Majesty realizes that which I can't,
And puts it precisely into words for me.
Is that so?
You'll be fine as long as His Majesty understands you, won't you?
Yes.


Being by his side becomes a source of pride...
It's an Oracle's ultimate joy to serve such a king.
You must thank God that you're able to serve a fine ruler.
Yes!!
Now then, Father.
Good night.
Yes. Good night.
.....
In the beginning,
I wondered if it would be all right that I be the one,
To raise the Oracle to be by the next ruler's side...
I suppose,
There was no need to worry

Now, I have to pass on,
The remaining duties to Legna.
Hmm?
A petition from the knights?
Did someone mistakenly send it this way?
Outrageous
Are they not looking at the notices?
I've told them over and over to send these to His Majesty or the Se-
!
Kian.

What's wrong?
Where's Legna?
My apologies, Your Majesty
He had a slightly urgent matter to tend to.
Legna will arrive later.
I see!
I have this neat thing I want to show him right away!
Then how about I show...
Huh?
Gone
?
DEEBERT!!
GET OUT HERE!!

DEE-BERT!!
What is it, former Oracle Kian?
Assemble everyone immediately
Don't ask questions!!
You are no longer the-
Such insolence
SI-LENCE!!
Kian,
What are you doing?!!
So you've come Deebert
This is...
For an Oracle who's left his duties to step this far into the senate without permission...
Did you forget what I said?!
That's my line!
I listened to your advice because I trusted you!!

...What are you talking about...?
DON'T PLAY DUMB!
I'M TALKING ABOUT NERO TORARUDO!!
You no longer have the right to interfere with the military.
Re-strain your-self.
THEN TELL ME!!
WHY THE ORDERS FOR THE NOIE TORARID TO SORTIE HAVE BEEN MADE UNDER MY NAME?!!
...Ridicu-lous...
...That can't be...
...That they would even fool their own.
The Senate has truly lost face.

Now,
Thinking back on it,
... Let's take this elsewhere.
There is too much of an echo here
There were a lot of strange coincidences.
Oh, Your Majesty.
How rare to see you here.
I'm going to surprise Legna!
Rather than going to the usual auditorium,
For some reason, we climbed the stairs.
If this was overlooked for even one more day, it might have gone unnoticed
Legna probably wouldn't have known what this was even if he saw it

Where are we heading?
What's above here?
It's a place where a sanctuary of sorts used to be.
It's hardly used now
I see.
I didn't know.
Why was that document mixed in with Kian's correspondence that day?
Why didn't we arrive at the senate a few minutes sooner? Or later?
Using Nero Torarudo would displease the knights
If that child is thinking of increasing our military armaments with the aim of independence,
The Senate likely agreed to it

Why was I behind you?
But what about Legna?
Indeed, the spears will most likely be directed at me
Is that why these orders are under my name?
... But... we need his strength to protect our borders
You should understand.
Why were you standing there?
The hatred towards the Oracle will also be directed at Legna.
Did you not make me retire because you wanted to prevent that from happening?!
It was,
As if,
God,
To them,
You're-
You too
Say something, Deebert!

Had planned it all.

THUD
Ki...
an?
KIAN?!

Wh-
What
Just hap-pened?
KJAN!!
HEY, KJAN!!
Call a doctor !!
WHA..
It's no good
It went through his heart
Did some-thing come flying in here?
Maybe?
From over there
Doctor Centaurus should be here today!!
Call him immedi-ately!!
I don't know
An arrow?
The tower!!
I can see the castle's tower
Didn't it come flying in from there?!

The servants tower, right?
Let's go take a look.
Thanks.
KIAN.
WAKE UP, KIAN.
DO YOU PLAN TO LEAVE LEGNA ALL ALONE?
KIAN!!
Move it!!
KYAH
Where?!
The terrace on the top floor
Don't let anyone out of the tower

. No one's here
Did they run away?
. ?
What's this?
?
A box?
What a strange box
AH!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS DOING?!!
!?
YOUR MAJESTY?!
DON'T TOUCH MY MACHINE!!
?
"Machine"?
Your Majesty this box

Hehe~
This?
This is something that shoots out letters!!
Letters ..??
You put it in vertically like this.
And with the arrow in here, you...
Huh?
I set one in here.
It's gone.
Where did it go?
No one,
Would be able to blame that child

Must be buried for all eternity, no matter what

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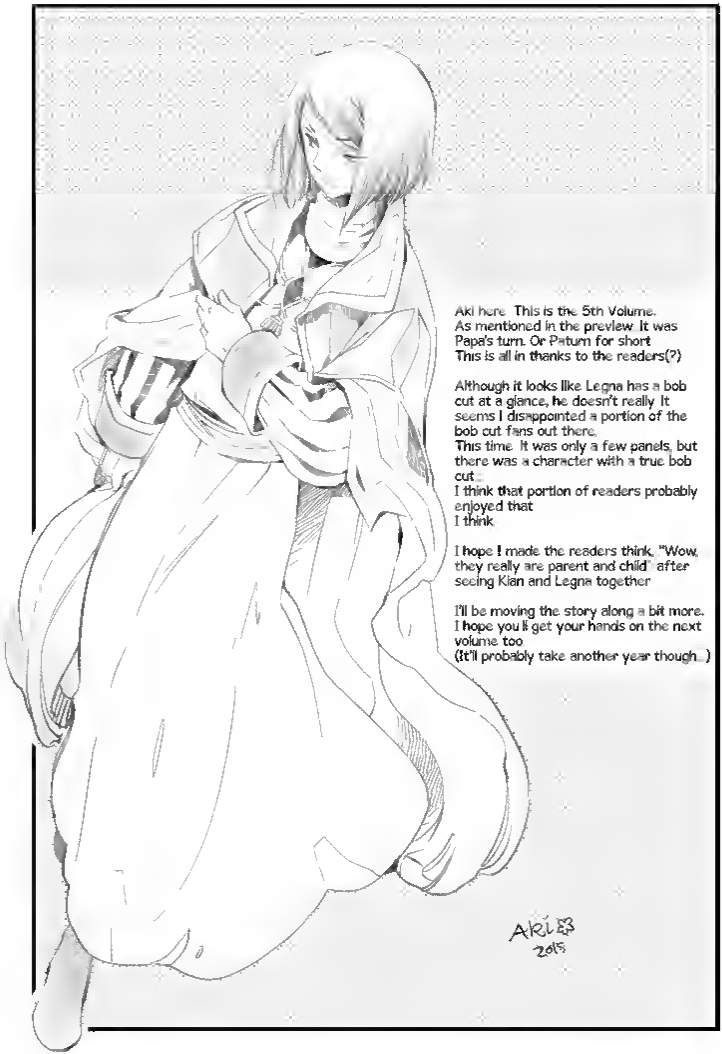
Aki here. This is the 5th Volume.
As mentioned in the preview. It was Papa's turn. Or Patum for short
This is all in thanks to the readers(?)

Although it looks like Legna has a bob cut at a glance, he doesn't really. It seems I disappointed a portion of the bob cut fans out there.
This time. It was only a few panels, but there was a character with a true bob cut...
I think that portion of readers probably enjoyed that
I think

I hope I made the readers think, "Wow, they really are parent and child" after seeing Kian and Legna together

I'll be moving the story along a bit more.
I hope you'll get your hands on the next volume too
(It'll probably take another year though...)

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